AT&SF (Clovis) New Mexico

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 03
Curry County
South of the AT&SF Railway
switching yard in Clovis
Site Contact: Sai Appaji

EPA ID# NMD043158591 Site ID: 0600827

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Current Status & Issues

- Ground water monitoring to ensure the effectiveness of the remedy is currently being conducted by the responsible party, the BNSF Railroad.
- Construction of the selected remedy was completed on September 20, 2000, and documented with a Preliminary Close-Out Report.
- A Final Close-Out Report was signed on November 8, 2002, by the Region 6 Superfund Division Director. The Operation & Maintenance Plan is finalized and approved.
- A Direct Final Notice of Deletion from the NPL was published in the Federal Register Notice on January 16, 2003, opening the comment period for review and comment. Comment period closed February 18, 2003. Because no significant comments were received, the site was deleted from the National Priorities List on March 17, 2003.
- The second Five-Year Review Report was completed in September 2003. EPA has determined the remedy is protective of human health and environment. The next Five-Year Review is due no later than September 30, 2008.

Benefits ____

- The AT&SF (Clovis) cleanup effectively treated an estimated number of 187,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil, sediment and water. The cleanup criteria included a primary goal of treating to less than 1,000 ppm Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons and a secondary goal of stabilized soil.
- The health and environment of over 31,000 people living near the site will be protected from potential ground water and wind blown contaminants from the site.
- At the time of the site remedy completion, approximately 187,000 cubic yards of soil and sediment were treated. The site has been restored with native grasses and limited impoundment of water.

National Priorities List (NPL) History

- NPL Proposal Date: June 23, 1981
- NPL Inclusion Date: September 8, 1983
- NPL Proposed Deletion Date: January 16, 2003
- NPL Final Deletion Date: March 7, 2003
- Location: Approximately 1 mile south of the AT&SF Railway switching yard, Clovis, Curry County, New Mexico
- Population: 31,000 people live within a three-mile radius of the site.
- Setting: Nearest residence is 2,000 ft. Nearest drinking water well is 1,200 ft.

• Hydrology: The lake is currently fenced off from public access. The site is over the Ogallala Aquifer.

Wastes and Volumes

• Boron, fluoride, chloride, total phenolics, sulfate, petroleum hydrocarbons, total dissolved solids, and total organic carbon are the contaminants of concern.

Volumes:

- Water 51,500 cubic yards (yd³)
- Soil 86,500 yd³
- Sediment 52,500 yd³

Health and Ecological Considerations _____

- The site is located over Ogallala Aquifer, which is used as a source of drinking water for the city of Clovis.
- The site is also a habitat for migratory birds.

Record of Decision

- The remedy has three parts; lake water, lake sediment, and soil under the sediment.
- No ground water remediation was selected, but monitoring of water quality will continue.

Lake Water:

- A dike was constructed around Santa Fe Lake to stop run-on into the lake.
- The lake water is evaporated with a spray system within the existing lake bed.

Lake Sediment:

• The lake sediments were excavated and biodegraded on the slopes of the lake bed. All treated sediments were taken to an on-site storage facility and capped.

Lake Soil:

• Contaminated soil (soil with total petroleum hydrocarbon [TPH] concentrations above 1,000 parts per million [ppm]) were bioremediated in place. Once the concentration met either criteria, it was left in place (if the concentration fell below 1,000) or was excavated and taken to the storage area where it was capped, along with the treated sediment.

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